


REMARKS

Kindly enter this Preliminary Amendment before first action on the merits. By this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants have amended claims to conform to U.S. patent practice format and to correct grammatical errors.

Respectfully submitted,
Hidehiko Sekizawa et al., Applicants

By: 

Randy J. Pritzker, Reg. 35,986.
Wolf, Greenfield & Sacks, P.C.
600 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, Massachusetts 02210-2211
Telephone: (617) 720-3500

Docket No. S1459.70062US00
Date: February 25, 2004